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SUBJECT: REVISED SOVIET TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

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1. AT MARCH 7 POLADS MEETING, FRG REP SAID HIS
AUTHORITIES HAD CONCLUDED THAT SOVIET REVISION OF TRAVEL
RESTRICTIONS WAS INTENDED TO SHOW SOVIET IMPLEMENTATION
OF CSCE FINAL ACT PROVISIONS ON FACILITATION OF TRAVEL,
HAD GENERALLY RESULTED IN EXCHANGE OF LESS RESTRICTED
AREAS IN EUROPEAN USSR FOR MORE IN ASIAN USSR, AND THAT
NET RESULT WAS NO OVERALL CHANGE IN AREAS CLOSED TO
TRAVEL. ON BASIS OF THIS CONCLUSION, FRG HAD DECIDED
TO MAKE NO CHANGE IN TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ON SOVIETS
IN FRG.

2. IN POLADS, SEVERAL REPS HAVE PROVIDED BRIEF DESCRIP-
TIONS OF THEIR NATIONAL PRACTICE ON RESTRICTING SOVIET
TRAVEL IN THEIR COUNTRIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STAFF
COMPILATION OF SUCH ALLIED RESTRICTIONS (REFTEL).
AS AUTHORIZED, WE HAVE DRAWN ON CABLES DESCRIBING US
EXPERIENCE WITH REVISED SOVIET TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS.
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